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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To Larry Gottesman:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et seq.*, I request access to and copies of all logs of congressional correspondence to or from any officials at the Environmental Protection Agency and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick between January 1, 2017, and March 16, 2020.

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. Where possible, please produce records electronically, in PDF or TIF format, via email or CD, particularly if providing the information reduces the time or expense involved. If your office cannot honor this preference, I am willing to discuss the most cost-effective and efficient means of duplication. I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$200. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If any records are withheld or redacted, I request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents. Please identify each document that falls within the scope of this request but is withheld from release and provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1972). Please describe each document claimed as exempt including the consequences of supplying the sought-after information. If it is your determination that some portions of requested records are exempt, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records.

If requested documents are located in another installation or bureau, I respectfully request that you please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate installation or bureau.

To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am gathering information for research purposes and not for commercial activities. The DCCC is organized and operates under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code as a political organization and as a domestic non-profit corporation by the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs pursuant to D.C. law. *See* D.C. Code § 29-402.01 *et seq.* As such, access to records that the DCCC requests never further any commercial, trade or profit interests of the DCCC because the DCCC does not have such interests. Additionally, disclosure of the information sought is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the National FOIA Officer and its communications with duly elected members of Congress and will shed light on whether the government is functioning with the public's best interests in mind, and therefore, no charge or only a reduced charge should be imposed. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

Thank you for your cooperation with this request. If necessary, I welcome the opportunity to discuss whether and to what extent this request can be narrowed or modified to better enable National FOIA Officer to process it within the FOIA's twenty-day statutory deadline. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my direct line at (610) 513-0710 or researchaccounts@dcc.org.

Sincerely,

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